

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TULSA, OKLAHOMA,**

scheduled for Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 4:00 P.M. in Room 411, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Fourth Floor, Tulsa, OK, to transact all business as set out in Notice and Agenda posted in the Office of City Clerk, One Technology Center, 175 E. 2nd St., Room 260, Tulsa, OK on Friday, March 17, 2023, at 3:37 P.M.

An addendum was posted on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 1:35 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Patrick called the meeting to order at 4:28 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Present	Bengel	Absent
Cue	Present	Decter Wright	Present
Patrick	Present	Lakin	Absent
Bellis	Present	Fowler	Present
Miller	Present		

Present: 7

Absent: 2

Councilor Bengel arrived at 4:30 P.M.

Councilor Lakin arrived at 4:30 P.M.

STAFF PRESENT

Patrick Boulden, Council Administrator
Sarah Davis, Deputy Council Administrator
Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council

2. Pre-meeting discussion of updates, anticipated activities and processes to be followed on items listed on the Agenda of the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for this evening at 5:00 P.M. as posted with the City Clerk, including but not limited to new back-up materials, requested changes in the agenda order and other possible changes or additions (other than discussion, no action will be taken).

Discussion ensued.

3. Weekly update from the Council Administrator, or his designee, on Council Office administration, staffing, schedules, and events. Other than discussion, no action will be taken.

Council Administrator Patrick Boulden provided updates on Council office events and discussed the upcoming Naturalization Ceremony and District 9 tour.

Lawson Vaughn, Senior Assistant City Attorney, recommended that, pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4), Council enter Executive Session to engage in confidential communications with the City's attorneys on the recommendation of the City of Tulsa Legal Department for City Council approval of a settlement agreement in the amount of one million, sixty thousand dollars (\$1,060,000.00) for firefighter overtime wages, liquidated damages, and attorney fees in the matter of Joshua Lamb et al v. City of Tulsa et al (Case No. 4:22-cv-00055) filed in Federal Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma., as the public disclosure of any confidential discussion regarding this item will seriously impair the ability of the City to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest. An Executive Session to discuss this item will preserve the attorney-client privilege.

5. **ADDENDUM:** Consider motion and vote to enter Executive Session pursuant to Title 25 O.S. Section 307(B)(4) to engage in confidential communications with the City’s attorneys on the recommendation of the City of Tulsa Legal Department for City Council approval of a settlement agreement in the amount of one million, sixty thousand dollars (\$1,060,000.00) for firefighter overtime wages, liquidated damages, and attorney fees in the matter of Joshua Lamb et al v. City of Tulsa et al (Case No. 4:22-cv-00055) filed in Federal Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 3/22/23] 23-182-1

Councilor Decter Wright moved to enter Executive Session on item 5. Councilor Lakin seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Council entered Executive Session at 4:37 P.M.

Guests exited the meeting at this time. Mayor Bynum, Tulsa Fire Department Chief Michael Baker, Tulsa Fire Department Administrative Chief Chad Miller and Council Staff members Patrick Boulden, Sarah Davis, and Lori Doring were formally invited to remain for the Executive Session.

Discussion ensued. No action taken in Executive Session.

6. **ADDENDUM:** Exit the Executive Session to discuss and possibly take action on the recommendation of the City of Tulsa Legal Department for City Council approval of a settlement agreement in the amount of one million, sixty thousand dollars (\$1,060,000.00) for firefighter overtime wages, liquidated damages, and attorney fees in the matter of Joshua Lamb et al v. City of Tulsa et al (Case No. 4:22-cv-00055) filed in Federal Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. [CC 3/22/23] 23-182-2

Without objection, Council exited Executive Session at 4:52 P.M.

Councilor Lakin moved to approve the settlement agreement in the amount of one million, sixty thousand dollars (\$1,060,000.00) for firefighter overtime wages, liquidated damages, and attorney fees in the matter of Joshua Lamb et al v. City of Tulsa et al (Case No. 4:22-cv-00055) filed in Federal Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma and authorize the Council Chair to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the City Council. Councilor Decter Wright seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL:

Hall-Harper	Yea	Bengel	Yea
Cue	Yea	Decter Wright	Yea
Patrick	Yea	Lakin	Yea
Bellis	Yea	Fowler	Yea
Miller	Yea		
Yeas: 9	Nays: 0	Absent: 0	Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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7. **ADDENDUM:** Discussion with Council staff regarding a draft proposal for community engagement and committee discussion timeline for the Improve Our Tulsa program. Other than discussion, no action will be taken. [CC 3/22/23] 23-183-1

Sarah Davis, Deputy Council Administrator and Michelle Brooks, City of Tulsa Director of Communications, spoke. Discussion ensued.

4. Adjournment.

Chair Patrick adjourned the meeting at 5:03 P.M.

Crista Patrick, Chair of the Council

Lori Doring, Secretary to the Council